

## PROJECT TEACH

Project TEACH (Teen Education and Child Health) is an alternative, year-round education program for pregnant or parenting teens. Project TEACH serves students at-risk of school failure.

**PROGRAM MISSION:** The mission of the Project TEACH program is to provide a comprehensive educational program which provides pregnant and parenting adolescents with the skills needed to create a positive life for themselves and their children.

The program strives to make sure that each student will receive a diploma from her local high school or return to their local school districts to complete their education. In any event, students do not leave the program until a support system is in place for them at home or in the community.

Project TEACH programs are located in:

- Atlantic TEACH Regional School
- Burlington TEACH Regional School
- Cape May TEACH Regional School
- Mercer TEACH Regional School
- Monmouth TEACH Regional School
- Warren TEACH Regional School

Each program:

- serves students between 13 and 21 who have not completed high school
- accepts students referred by local school districts and placed by a Department of Human Services agency or the court
- limits class size to no more than 12 girls at any one time
- provides specialized case management services to support pre and post natal linkages to community resources and transitional support
- provides each student with an educational program based on the curriculum and graduation requirements of her local high school
- provides Child Study Team services, as required
- provides NJ Certified teachers

Project TEACH licensed child care centers provide:

- on site care for infants 6 weeks to 2 ½ years of age
- primary care giving by well-trained “educares”
- a loving, safe and stimulating environment
- individualized age and developmentally appropriate curriculum

Students can enroll in Project TEACH anytime after they find out they are pregnant. Infants, and “expected” infants, are automatically enrolled into the licensed child care center with a student’s acceptance into Project TEACH and available space in the nursery.

For more information about Project TEACH, call the Office of Education at 609-588-3157 or Fax: 609-588-7237.